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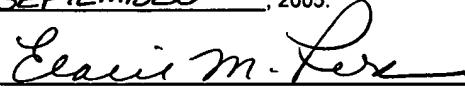
For: "DEVICE FOR LIMITING
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Group Art Unit: 2651

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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions to withdraw any holding of abandonment of the above-identified patent application because Applicant never received the Notice of Allowance mailed March 9, 2005.

Applicant has not yet received a Notice of Abandonment. However, after reviewing the information available on the Private PAIR system, Applicant believes that the current status of the application is that it is abandoned.

According to the USPTO's electronic records, the USPTO mailed a Notice of Allowance to Applicant on March 9, 2005 (see Exhibit A). Furthermore, according to the electronic records, the Notice of Allowance was returned to the USPTO as undelivered on March 24, 2005 (see Exhibit A), thereby establishing that the undersigned did not receive the Notice of Allowance.

The undersigned has downloaded and printed a copy of the first page of the Notice of Allowance (attached as Exhibit B) from the USPTO's website. As shown in Exhibit B, the Notice of Allowance is addressed to the undersigned's old mailing address. This is extremely surprising since the prior Office Action dated March 25, 2004 was mailed to the undersigned's current mailing address and was properly associated with the undersigned's Customer Number 32093 (see Exhibit C, which is the Office Action's cover sheet).

Apparently, an internal Correspondence Address Change was improperly made by the USPTO on March 8, 2005 (see printout from Private PAIR attached as Exhibit D). Such change was not requested, nor authorized, by Applicant or the undersigned.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that any holding of abandonment with respect to the above-identified patent application be withdrawn. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully requests that: (1) the Notice of Allowance be mailed to the undersigned at the address associated with the undersigned's Customer Number 32093; and, (2) the deadline for responding to the Notice of Allowance be reset.

Applicant believes that no fees are due. Nevertheless, Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to debit Deposit Account No. 50-2198 for any fee deficiencies associated with filing this paper.

A representative from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is invited to contact the undersigned regarding any matters relating to the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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TITLE OF INVENTION: DEVICE FOR LIMITING CURRENT IN A SENSOR

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04-11-2005	Workflow - File Sent to Contractor
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